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Letter dated 2 September 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to write to you to state the position of Paraguay with regard to the request submitted by a group of States Members of our Organization for the inclusion of two supplementary items in the agenda of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly entitled "Question of the representation of the 23 million people of Taiwan in the United Nations" and "A proactive role for the United Nations in maintaining peace in the Taiwan Strait", contained in documents A/60/192 and Add.1 and A/60/193 and Add.1, respectively, issued on 11 August 2005.

1. The Republic of Paraguay maintains diplomatic, commercial and cultural ties with the Republic of China (Taiwan). It values these relations and respects the progress achieved by Taiwan in all areas, especially in the economic and commercial spheres, and in building democratic institutions.

2. In keeping with the principle of universality enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the elements constituting the existence of a State, and other essential circumstances, Paraguay believes that consideration should be given to the proposal contained in document A/60/192, which reflects the aspirations of the 23 million people of Taiwan, just as it would be given to any other request that satisfies the requirements set out in the Charter. In line with this policy, Paraguay supported the admission of both the People's Republic of China and the Republic of China (Taiwan) into the World Trade Organization.

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3. Paraguay believes that consideration should also be given to the proposal contained in document A/60/193, encouraging both sides of the Taiwan Strait to engage in dialogue and settle disputes through peaceful means, in conformity with the principles of the United Nations.

4. Paraguay believes that both matters should be resolved between the two sides, through dialogue and mutual understanding, and in a spirit of reconciliation, with a view to reaching a just and equitable understanding, in keeping with the principle of universality upheld by the Charter of the United Nations. Paraguay reiterates its hope that the sides can resolve their disputes by peaceful means and in conformity with the norms of international law.

5. The Government of Paraguay wishes to confirm that the position outlined above is consistent with its foreign policy on this matter. Accordingly, it supports the request submitted.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly.

(*Signed*) Eladio **Loizaga**
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